



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

May 2, 2017

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 94249

Re: AB 1404 (Berman) – As amended April 17, 2017 – **SUPPORT**

Dear Chairwoman Gonzalez Fletcher:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1404, which would extend the CEQA categorical exemption for infill development to projects in unincorporated areas of a County.

The current exemption applies only to cities and towns but not specifically to counties. This limits potential infill developments due to the stringent nature of the environmental requirements. Expanding the exemption to counties would provide them with another tool to encourage and efficiently process infill development in unincorporated areas.

Further, this would allow unincorporated areas to do their part in complying with the requirements of SB 375 by promoting compact development in urbanized county areas, with the additional economic benefits of streamlining projects, creating jobs, while benefitting the environment.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1404. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Lovingood".

ROBERT A. LOVINGOOD
First District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

c: The Honorable Marc Berman
Members and Consultants, Assembly Appropriations Committee
San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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